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Grants for Promising Technologies

California Environmental Protection Agency



Purpose of ICAT

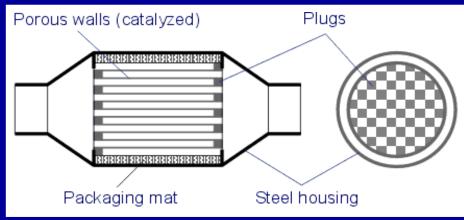
- To promote:
 - Emission reductions
 - ARB initiatives
 - Improve public health
- By:
 - Co-funding demonstrations of new, beneficial technologies
- ICAT statistics, since inception:
 - 59 projects approved by Board
 - 28 completions
 - 16 in progress
 - 15 did not complete

Project Under Consideration

- Consider ICAT support for demonstration of new particulate matter (PM) sensor technology
 - Sensor would support on-board diagnostic (OBD) technology requirements for 2013 MY and later heavy-duty diesel vehicles
 - Fills a significant need for ARB's mobile source control programs

Diesel Particulate Filters Need to be Monitored Porous Walls (catalyzed) Plugs

- Diesels will turn increasingly to DPFs
 - As increasingly stringent
 PM emission standards take effect



Honeycomb wall flow filter

- DPFs are highly reliable, but potential for in-use failure still exists
 - Regulations will require on-board detection and operator notification (OBD)
- Existing detection technologies are inadequate
 - For the low detection levels to be required



Example of typical failure

PM sensor Being Developed for OBD use

- New Honeywell Laboratories PM sensor measures particle charge
- ICAT project to demonstrate capability of sensor to perform reliably at future low OBD emission limits
- 12 month project, testing at University of Minnesota facilities
 - \$199,812 ICAT support
 - \$399,707 total cost



Practical Sensor Would Ensure Regulatory Benefits Are Achieved

- Would affect ~7,500 trucks in 2013, ~75,000 in 2016
- Estimate nominal cost at \$50-\$75 per engine
- Would enable statewide reduction of 0.6 tons/day PM in 2020
 - Engine lifetime PM reduction of 24 lbs
- Technology applicable to other vehicles (e.g., LDVs, locomotives)

Summary

- ICAT supports new technologies
- Project described would demonstrate innovative PM sensor technology that can support HDD OBD requirements
- Staff recommends Board's approval